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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR

FROM: Assistant Director, OCD

SUBJECT: Dissemination of SO-DB Reports to Directorate of Intelligence, USAF

REFERENCE: Attached memorandum from USAF to DCI dated 17 March 1950, subject as above, Top Secret

1. Under current interpretations of General Order #2, paragraph 2 e, OCD disseminates to the IAC agencies only those SO reports which it receives from SO in the form of master dittoes ready for reproduction and dissemination. OSO itself makes such dissemination as it chooses of all other materials, including cables and SO-DB's, generally sending three copies to OCD for use within the Agency. (SO-DB's with single-copy enclosures are often routed through OCD, for CIA use, before being sent on to the IAC recipients).

2. In accordance with this usage OCD did not make any external dissemination of the SO-DB's referred to by Air Force. OCD received 3 copies of 22074, 3 copies of 22259, 2 copies of 22281, and 4 copies of 22771, and these were distributed within the Agency. All of these reports were classified Top Secret.

3. I suggest that the best cure for the inadequate dissemination complained of by USAF would be for ICS of OSO to take account of the attached memorandum and its statement of USAF requirements. Alternatively OSO might be instructed to send all its reports to OCD for dissemination to the IAC agencies, thus putting the responsibility for proper dissemination upon OCD, but this alternative would encounter objections in OSO and I don't know that it is worth pressing. We're getting along fairly well at the present time, so we probably shouldn't rock the boat.

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Enclosures: Reference, CIA 023817, Top Secret.

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